

SON OF ONE OF FOUNDERS OF Y. W. C. A. VISITING IN CITY

Arthur W. Sawyer Has Vivid
Recollections of Great Life
Work of His Mother

How his mother, Mrs. Anna Maria Sawyer, put forth her efforts 50 years ago with three other women to incorporate the first Young Women's Christian Association in the world and how her work for charity included a "baby welfare" idea such as is now being forwarded in Honolulu, has been told to the Star-Bulletin in an interesting way by Arthur W. Sawyer of Boston, who, with his wife, is visiting here.

Original in her plans for charity, working always to uplift the needy, Mrs. Sawyer gave to Boston and the world ideas that have continued ever since to bear fruit. Her work is of especial interest at this time because of the fact that this is the fiftieth anniversary month of the Y. W. C. A. founding and because of the Baby Week campaign now in progress.

Mrs. Sawyer's activities in works of charity included the following: Trustee for the Boston Fatherless and Widows' Society; member of the Bethesda Society; incorporator of the first Y. W. C. A. in Boston; vice-president of the Y. W. C. A. and later honorary manager; life member and manager of the Boston branch of the American McCall Association; director of the same; vice-president of the Woman's National Indian Association; member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary; vice-president of the W. C. T. U., and member of the Volunteers of America Auxiliary. Mrs. Sawyer died in 1905 at the age of 83.

Got Clothes for Poor.

"There was in Boston," says her son, "an organization known as the Bethesda Society, which had been incorporated in 1816. Its purpose was to gather from all sources clothing, shoes and ready-made infants' suits, to be distributed among the destitute.

"My mother became a prominent worker with this society. Through her connection with it and through constant work in the churches she came to a realization that a well organized institution for such work among women was greatly needed. Accordingly, with three other women of Boston, she issued the first call for the Y. W. C. A. on March 3, 1866, which resulted in incorporation on April 11, 1867, just 16 years after the first Y. W. C. A. had been founded in this country after the pattern of the original institution in London.

Mr. Sawyer says that one of these women, Mrs. Pauline A. Durant, is still living. She is the wife of Judge Henry F. Durant, who gave the land for Wellesley College, just outside of Boston. This land had been their summer home.

Names in Incorporation.

One of the sections of the act of incorporation says: "Pauline A. Durant, Ann Maria Sawyer, Hannah A. Bowen and Clara S. Wells, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Young Women's Christian Association in the city of Boston, for the purpose of providing for the physical, moral and spiritual welfare of the young women in Boston."

"The work with this institution, building it up and broadening its scope, was my mother's chief life work," says Mr. Sawyer.

"Her charities were many and most original in their way. She never copied her ideas from anyone. In the hurrying life of our world today even the noblest Christian woman has not the time to do the countless little things that in the course of a lifetime mean so much.

"She thought not only of the material wants of the very needy, but circulated broadcast mental or spiritual help. Whenever she came across some poem which she felt might be helpful to another she would have it neatly reprinted and handed out everywhere she could. She would insert these copies in her letters, in her bundles of charities, or hand them out to persons calling upon her."

One of Mr. Sawyer's most characteristic works of charity was to originate what she called a "baby bundle." Upon recovering from a severe illness in 1875 she felt a longing to engage in some field of service that had not been touched upon by others.

"Knowing the gladness of motherhood herself," says Mr. Sawyer, "and the pleasures in the anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the little stranger, she realized how many mothers are limited in this world's goods, but unlimited in their love, though unable to provide the absolute necessities.

"With this thought in her mind she at once enlisted the services of some of her friends who needed work, paying them for their time and service. Thus was developed the 'baby bundle,' says Mr. Sawyer, 'the forerunner of baby week.'

The bundle contained the following: for the mother, four bed sheets, four pillow slips and two night gowns; for the baby, three dresses, three shirts, two petticoats, six napkins, two night gowns and one square flannel blanket, bound with blue ribbon.

Remembers People Coming.

"I can remember seeing the people call for these bundles," says Mr. Sawyer, relating the incident. "It is estimated that at least 2000 such packages were sent out from our home in this cause."

"My mother always dressed very plainly. She was never known to wear jewelry of any kind. In fact, she was rarely seen in any color but black. She wore a small black bonnet with white strings tied under her chin, and always wore black gloves, until one day she exclaimed with a sort of inspiration as she looked down at her hands, 'Here I am doing God's good work with my hands clothed in mourning.' From that day as long as she lived she was never known to put on a pair of black gloves again."

Extracts carried by Mr. Sawyer from his mother's diary show her interest in all life. Some of them are given herewith:

"June 9, 1858—Amongst the green mountains of Vermont, who can look at nature and not love God?"

"October 22—How much pleasure there is in doing for others."

"May 26, 1859—A poor colored woman called. Did I say poor? Ah no, she was rich in the faith. I enjoyed the good woman."

Wedding Anniversary.

"June 10—Our wedding day, 17 years. We passed the evening at home. I had the pleasure of a little meeting with the children and of putting them all to bed. The mother's privilege, and the mother's duty."

"April 3, 1883—My birthday. Money received from the different members of the family. It was my choice, to help me in my 'baby work.'"

"January 25, 1888—Twenty-five years since I began my 'baby work.'"

"January 28—I have had pleasure today giving away poetry on the opening of spring, entitled 'The Laughing Chorus.'"

"June 4—Fifty years since my husband and I were introduced. Seven of the nine friends that were present that evening were with us today, except one, who died."

"June 10, 1897—Our golden wedding day!"

"February 28, 1900—I made a donation of 75 volumes from my library to the Y. W. C. A. of which I have been a director these many years."

"April 3—My 17th birthday. I rejoice in this day, 'Golden day.'"

Mrs. Sawyer's diary covered a period of 45 years, beginning with her birthday in 1852 when she was 29 years old, and closing on her 77th birthday anniversary. Ill health in the last years of her life prevented her from writing in it then.

Of the golden wedding day which she mentions under date of June 10, 1897, her son says that she planned to make it one of benefit for the poor. Accordingly she issued invitations, announcing her plans, and telling her friends that she would accept gifts for the poor at any amount up to \$1. In this way \$500 was given by friends of the family, and Mrs. Sawyer and her husband added another \$500.

Mr. Houghton of Houghton & Mifflin Company told father he was going to send \$10 for the work," says Mr. Sawyer, recalling the incident. "and had to figure up a band of nephews and nieces to come in under the \$1 rule so that he could send this amount to mother."

REV. WESTERVELT TO LECTURE ON "LEGENDS OF OLD HAWAII" AT Y.

Rev. W. D. Westervelt will be the Thursday evening speaker at the Y. M. C. A. He has selected as his topic "Legends of Old Hawaii." Mr. Westervelt has made a thorough study of the folk lore of Hawaii and has written a number of books on this subject.

"Rev. Westervelt will compare the legends of Hawaii with the legends of other nations, and will show where the ideas that are the foundation of folk lore stories come from. Hawaii is rich in stories of the fairies and gnomes and Mr. Westervelt is acknowledged the leading authority on the stories of the ancient days in the islands.

During the Mexican war the United States soldiers sang a song of the period which started "Green grow the grasses, oh." So the Mexicans called them gringos.

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Owing to the scarcity of farm laborers in Canada the farmers are considering the advisability of using milking machines.

EUGENE FIELD AND CHILDHOOD AT M. E. SOCIAL

"Eugene Field and Childhood, An Evening of Song and Story," is the title under which the First Methodist church announces its March social evening to be given next Friday.

No more whimsical or droll character than Field has appeared in American literary life and no writer has been more fortunate in having his poems set to music. So Field lends himself peculiarly well to an evening of anecdote and song.

Rev. L. L. Loofbourow, who has had considerable experience with Field, will tell of his odd humor and peculiarities. On the musical side, W. H. Hinton will sing some of Field's best comic selections, and the ballads will be given by Mrs. William Henry Fry, Mrs. Virginia Bauman and Arthur Hudson.

Aside from his regular social affairs, the church plans for one evening of wider scope each month, to which not only the congregation but the entire community are invited. During this season these have been very largely attended, and the present one on March 24, will probably be one of the most popular of the series.

**ARITA WILL COLLECT
DONATIONS TO HELP
ERECT FINE SHRINE**

Local Japanese will contribute to the Meiji Shrine in Tokio, where the bodies of the late Emperor Mutsuhito and Empress Haruko will be enshrined. At the present time their bodies are entombed at Momoyama.

Consul H. Arita has received a letter from Prince L. Tokogawa, president of the Japanese chamber of peers, asking for contributions from local Japanese, and according to the statement of a leading Japanese business man this morning, many local Japanese will contribute. Consul Arita will take subscriptions to the memorial some time before his departure for Japan. It is estimated that the shrine will cost about \$1,750,000.

**SUPERVISORS LIKELY
TO HAVE TO DIG UP
FROM SOME NEW SPOT**

Transfer of \$4800 from the permanent improvement fund to the tax fund, to replace money expended for the building of a new sewer on top of the lower Puna road.

the reconstruction of Makiki flame, provided for by resolution at the last meeting of the supervisors is being held up by the city auditor and the treasurer. In their opinion money in a special fund may not be used for any other purpose than that specified, and although the two pieces of work might have been done with money from the permanent improvement fund, money from that fund can not

be transferred to another fund. The question has been referred to the city attorney for an opinion. If he rules in accord with the opinion of the treasurer and auditor the appropriation resolution will be referred back to the board.

QUARRELED! DRANK IODINE
Mrs. Annie David of Corkscrew lane drank tincture of iodine on Saturday evening, with suicidal intent. She had had trouble with her husband. Mrs. David was hurried to the emergency hospital after she had downed the tincture, and Dr. R. G. Ayer, emergency physician, did some very energetic work with the stomach pump. Annie recovered.

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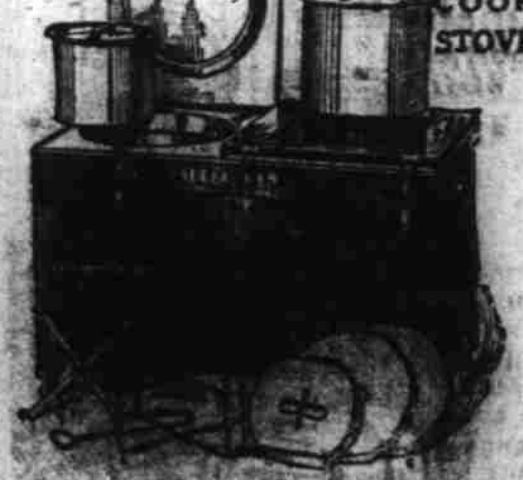
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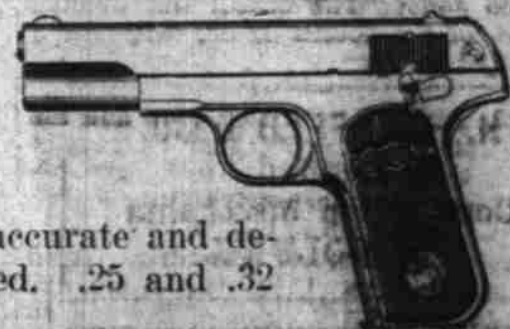
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